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Title : Need for six lanning of Madurai-Kodaikanal road for the convenience of the tourists.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Sir, Kodaikanal is one of the popular hill resorts in India. It is charming and stands amidst sylvan beauty on the southern crest of upper hill near Madurai. With its rocks, woods, lovely lake and bracing air, Kodaikanal is ideal hill resort for tourists both domestic and international.

Kodaikanal is situated at an altitude of 2133 metre and covers an area of 21.45 sq. kilometre. The hill station is renowned for its educational institution of international repute. The hill-plantain fruits and plums are known for their freshness and taste. Berijam lake is one among the beautiful lakes in South India. The hill is full of herbs and is renowned for its medicinal value.

Madurai is the second largest city in Tamil Nadu which is known as Athens of South India. This is a fast developing city with international reputed hospitals like Arvind Eye Hospital, Apollo Meenakshi Mission which has an MoU with foreign countries for medical tourism. Meenakshi Temple and other important temples in and around Madurai attract most international tourists from all over the world who are eager to visit Kodaikanal. But the road connecting Madurai and Kodaikanal is a narrow one and often accidents take place and it leads to blockage of road also.

Hence, I urge upon the Government that the road should be converted into six-lane road.